

# New Hampshire Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan Introduction



The Federation of Fire  
Mutual Aid Associations  
of New Hampshire

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On behalf of the New Hampshire Federation of Mutual Fire Aid Associations, it is our distinct pleasure to provide you with a copy of the New Hampshire Statewide Fire Mobilization Plan. This document is the culmination of several years of planning. Our target implementation date is July 1, 2004.

The need for this plan is especially obvious today. Terrorist acts, natural and man-made disasters, and significant fire events have and will continue to place exhaustive burdens on local and regional response agencies. This plan is designed to provide you and your community with the personnel and equipment assets needed to deal with extra-ordinary, un-thinkable events. The plan is designed to provide response assets in highly organized groups, facilitating effective command and control, maintaining the principles of Unity of Command, Span of Control, and Division of Labor. Further, the plan is consistent with recent Presidential Directives in that it is based on the National Incident Management System (NIMS/ICS).

Like any planning document, successful implementation requires awareness, understanding, participation, review, and revision. As we seek continuous improvement in the plan, we must all realize that its success depends upon you. We encourage New Hampshire's Fire Service Community to become familiar with the plan, to use the plan documents for training, and we call upon every fire department to participate in one of our state's thirteen (13) mutual fire aid districts.

This plan is designed to support local communities in times of dire need. Accordingly, the plan requires the participation of local communities and it was written to maximize local control. Response asset designations, task force and strike team commanders, and district dispatch center designation decisions are made on the local level.

The Federation role is to provide overall statewide coordination of the plan. To that end, the Federation stands ready to provide assistance to local communities in developing district task forces and strike teams, assistance with training and drills, and providing a central point of responsibility for the ongoing review and revision of the plan.

We take this opportunity to thank the dozens of NH fire and police service personnel that assisted in the development of the plan. We invite those departments and district mutual aid associations that are not yet involved to get involved. Simply call or email one of your Federation Officers. We stand ready to assist you.

Thank you.

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